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STATE LEGISLATORS FOREGO PAY UNTIL A BUDGET IS PASSED

Sacramento, June 26, 2003 – State Controller Steve Westly has received letters from members of the Legislature asking that their pay be withheld until a budget is passed. Controller Westly has said he would withhold the pay of all elected leaders until the budget stalemate is resolved.

"I think it seems reasonable to taxpayers that the lawmakers, whose job is to pass a budget, should forfeit their pay until the work is done. I commend our elected leaders for taking the initiative to call for the withholding," Westly said.

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